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Hongkong, 26th February, 1898. [555

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NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 130 of the Companies Ordinance, 1865, that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named COMPANY will be held at No. 4, PRAYA CENTRAL, on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of having an Account laid before them by the Liquidators shewing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the Property of the Company disposed of and of hearing any Explanation that may be given by the Liquidators and of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts, and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidators thereof shall be disposed of.

A. W. WALKINSHAW,
JAMES H. COX,
Liquidators.

N.B.—This Meeting is instead of the one which was advertised to be held on the 17th ultimo, which had to be put off.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1898. [556

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 27th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [551

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 1st March, at NOON.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [552

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA," FROM PORTLAND, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [9

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLOMOND," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd proximo will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th prox., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 2nd prox., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [553

FOR THE MAIL.

THE *HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS* is now ready and contains:—

Leading Articles:—
- Extension of the Burmah Railway into Yunnan.
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- Soldiers and Sailors at the Races.
- Extraordinary Weather.

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Supreme Court.
Fire on the *Esmeralda*.
Warlike Preparations in Indo-China.
The Off-Day's Races.
Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club.
Torturing Prisoners at Shanghai.
The Fire Brigade Report.
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Hongkong, 25th February, 1898.

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS.

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CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

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SEATS can be booked at the THEATRE on and after THURSDAY, 24th February.

Booking Office open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Late trams quarter of an hour after fall of curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898. [522

AN ORGAN RECITAL

WILL BE GIVEN BY MR. A. G. WARD in ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ON MONDAY, 28th February, 1898, at 5.15 P.M.

VOCALIST:— MRS. VALLINGS.

During the Recital a Collection will be made in aid of the Organ Fund.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [540

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE FENWICK LATE OF VICTORIA IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honour Sir JOHN WORRELL CARRINGTON, Knight, C.M.G., Chief Justice, having, by virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 1st day of April, 1898, the time for sending in claims against the above Estate, all Creditors are hereby required to send in their claims to the Undersigned on or before the said date.

Dated the 25th day of January, 1898.

DEACON & HASTINGS,
Solicitors for the Administrator.

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THE SECRET OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

LECTURE BY MR. W. V. DRUMMOND.

MR. W. V. DRUMMOND has kindly consented to deliver a lecture upon "The Secret of the British Empire" in the Chamber of Commerce Room at the CITY HALL, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 26th of February, at 3 P.M.

His Excellency Major General WILSONE BLACK, C.B., will take the Chair.

The general public are invited to attend.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong Odd Volumes Society.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [545

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

GRAND CROSS PROCESSION, &c., &c.

THE River Steamer "TAI ON," Captain GOBLOUSKI, will leave the CENTRAL MARKET WHARF at 9 A.M. TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 27th instant, for MACAO and will leave Macao again for Hongkong at 10 P.M.

The Portuguese Amateur Band will perform during the trip.

RETURN FARE $2

Tickets may be obtained at CAMPBELL & MOORE's Hair Dressing Saloon or on Board.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [550

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING, & DYEING CO., LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST INSTALMENT of $20 per Share on the Shares in above COMPANY becomes due on the Nineteenth day of March next, and payment thereof must be made to the Bankers of the Company, viz., the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1898. [494

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W. H. TALBOT,
Sub-Manager for the East.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1898. [807a

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All works will be under the personal supervision of Mr. Holdsworth and all orders must be sent through the undersigned.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1898. [427

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 26th February, 1898, Commencing at 2.30 P.M., within the house No. 45, WYNDHAM STREET, A QUANTITY OF EXCELLENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:—

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On View from FRIDAY, 25th Feb., 1898.

TERMS:—Clearance on MONDAY 28th inst., Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898. [524

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Inspector MANN to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1898, at 4 P.M., at his Quarters, No. 2 POLICE STATION, Wanchai, THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., Comprising:—

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1 JINRICKSHA.
1 COTTAGE PIANO by SCHIEDER, Berlin.
&c. &c. &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [537

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 26th February, 1898, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 30th September, 1897.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1898. [454

A ROMANCE OF MALAYA

BY A LOCAL WRITER.

THRILLING TALE OF LOVE AND ADVENTURE IN PAHANG

DURING THE RECENT REBELLION.

ABDUCTION OF AN ENGLISH GIRL.

CAPTURE OF TWO AMERICANS.

BY

ROUNSEVELLE WILDMAN, M.A.
UNITED STATES CONSUL-GENERAL.

The first instalment of

THE PANGLIMA MUDA

appears in The *Hongkong Daily Press* TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 26th February.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898. [528

VICTORIA N R PRECEPTORY AND PRIORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL TO-NIGHT, the 26th February, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898. [514

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525 E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on TUESDAY, the 1st March, at 8.30 for 9.00 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [536

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525 E.C.

A CONVOCATION of EMERGENCY of VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [546

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

FROM this date the Business of the SOCIETY will be conducted at the BRANCH OFFICE, No. 9, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, with entrance in ICE HOUSE STREET.

W. H. TALBOT,
Sub-Manager for the East.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1898. [388

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS residing in the CONSULAR DISTRICT OF CANTON, which includes SANSHUI, WUCHOW, MACAO, SWATOW, HOIHOW and PAKHOI, are REQUESTED TO REGISTER at this Consulate either personally or by certificate setting forth the date and place of birth and last residence in the United States.

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EDWARD BEDLOE,
U.S. CONSUL.

United States Consulate,
CANTON, China, 1st February, 1898. [495

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [544

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DORABJEE NOWROJEE.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [547

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CHUI CHEW TING,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1897. [1024

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Canton, 10th December 1897. 1028

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 25, PERU, American str., 3,528, D. E. Freile, San Francisco, 26th January, and Shanghai 23rd February, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Feb. 25, ZAFIRO, British str., 675, A. W. R. Cobban, Manila 22nd February, General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Feb. 25, SUTOKU MARU, Japanese str., 897, Nim, Moji 19th Feb., Coal.—BRADLEY & Co.

Feb. 25, TIENTSIN, British str., 1,250, Dawson, Saigon 15th Feb., Rice for Kobe.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Feb. 25, PHRA C. C. KLAO, British str., 1,012, Pigot, Bangkok and Koh-si-chang 18th Feb., Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Feb. 25, HAIMUN, British str., 636, H. Bathurst, Tamsui 22nd Feb., Amoy 23rd, and Swatow 24th, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Feb. 25, CHWNSHAN, Brit. str., 1,281, Murphy, Moji 19th Feb., Coal.—BRADLEY & Co.

Feb. 25, OLYMPIA, British str., 1,691, T. H. Dobson, Portland 25th Jan., General.—DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

Feb. 25, CHUSAN, German str., 600, W. Wendt, Moji 20th Feb., Coal.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Feb. 25, DEVAWONGSE, British str., 1,057, R. Curtis, Bangkok 17th Feb., and Swatow 24th, General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Feb. 25, HANOI, French str., 739, Menard, Haiphong 22nd Feb., and Hoihow 24th, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Feb. 25, KONG BENG, British str., 862, W. F. Joslin, Saigon 20th Feb., Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Feb. 25, OANFA, British str., 1,978, John A. Davies, Liverpool 15th Jan., and Singapore 19th Feb., General.—DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

Feb. 25, SPINAWAY, British bark, 324, E. Johnson, Fremantle 31st Dec., Sandal Wood.—SIEMSSEN, & Co.

Feb. 25, SINGAN, British str., 1,065, Jamieson, Canton 25th Feb., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 25TH FEBRUARY.

Germania, German str., for Saigon.
Taichiow, British str., for Kobe.
Tientsin, British str., for Kobe.
Danie, German str., for Saigon.
Memnon, British str., for Sandakan.
Chunsang, British str., for Singapore.
Singan, British str., for Shanghai.
Omi Maru, Japanese str., for Thursday Island.
Letimbro, Italian str., for Singapore.
Mongkut, British str., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 25, ESMERALDA, British str., for Amoy.
Feb. 25, URD, Norwegian str., for Shanghai.
Feb. 25, BENVENUE, British str., for Saigon.
Feb. 25, RIO, German str., for Yokohama.
Feb. 25, DONAR, German str., for Kobe.
Feb. 25, CHOYSANG, British str., for Swatow.
Feb. 25, CHUNSANG, British str., for Singapore.
Feb. 25, HONGKONG, French str., for Hoihow.
Feb. 25, LETIMBRO, Italian str., for Singapore.
Feb. 25, MEMNON, British str., for Sandakan.
Feb. 25, OMI MARU, Jap. str., for Thursday Isld.
Feb. 25, PHRA NANG, British str., for Hoihow.
Feb. 25, SINGAN, British str., for Shanghai.
Feb. 25, TAICHIOW, British str., for Kobe.
Feb. 25, THALES, British str., for Swatow.
Feb. 25, TIENTSIN, British str., for Kobe.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Peru*, for Hongkong, from Yokohama, Messrs. W. Bass, R. G. Johnson, E. D. Gerwing and R. M. Kopp; from Shanghai, Mr. H. Burnett.

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila, Misses A. de Marcaida, Delfina Hubosa and Trinidad Tino, Messrs. F. Focken, Francisco Natividad, José Natividad, Capt. Holm and Capt. Nanjelsdorff.

Per *Phra C. C. Klao*, from Bangkok, Messrs. Breninger and Kessler, and Miss Jacobsen.

Per *Haimun*, from Tamsui, Capt. Douglas.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—

KOWLOON DOCKS.—Kwanglee, Martha, Cosmopolit, Batuan, Progress, H.M.S. Humber.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—West York, Ocampo.

TO-DAY.

Meeting Punjom Mining Co., Noon.

Auction Household Furniture, &c., Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.

Meeting Victoria Preceptory, 9 p.m.

Amateur Dramatic Club, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

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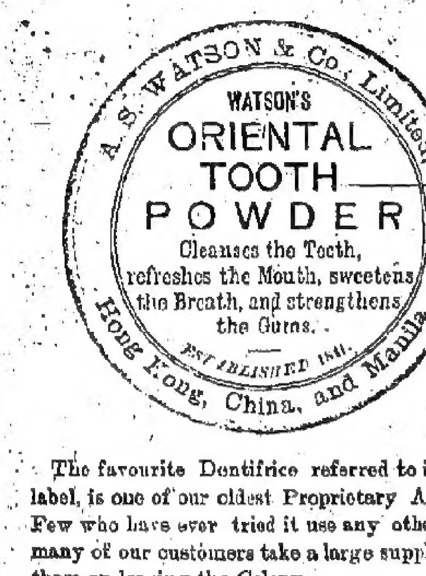

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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 26th, 1898.

THE report presented to the Sanitary Board on Thursday by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon with reference to the milk supply from native dairies is calculated to cause consumers some uneasiness. Mr. LADDS says that from the manner in which the milk is collected he should say that it would be very unwise to drink any of it, unless previously boiled, and even then he should hesitate to do so because of the risk to health which might arise from the consumption of such fluid. Hitherto consumers have been under the impression that they could secure absolutely pure milk by patronising one of the European dairies, but Mr. LADDS throws doubt on this, for he says:—"Upon reference to the attached list, "it will be seen that all three of the dairy "farms have been buying milk from these "native cowsheds, one of them being in- "directly supplied with milk from Canton; "and in future their customers would do "well if in protection of their own interests "they were to insist upon a guarantee from "the dairy supplying them that they had al- "together ceased from purchasing from out- "side sources." The dairy farms may perhaps say that they do not purchase milk from the native cowsheds for the purpose of palming it off upon their customers as coming from their own cows, but for the purpose of feeding it to their calves, or for butter-making, or for other such purposes in connection with the working of their farms. Indeed we have known cases in which, upon its own supply of milk running short, a foreign dairy has informed its customers that it could only supply milk procured from native sources as a matter of convenience for the customers. Whether that is the rule or an exception we are unable to say, but the matter is in such a position that some explanation from the dairies seems called for in reply to Mr. LADDS's strictures.

We must confess, however, that we would have liked more details as to the grounds on which Mr. LADDS bases his sweeping condemnation of the native dairies, for his report is couched in very general terms. It appears he was asked to report upon the milk supply of the Colony, "and more "particularly as regards what becomes of "the milk which is collected in the cowsheds "owned by Chinese and Indians." Mr. LADDS accordingly gives a list of the principal customers of each of the Indian and Chinese cowsheds, but as to the milk itself, he confines himself to saying that it would be unwise to drink it. It would appear from the minutes attached to the report that the Army and Navy draw their supplies from native sources, and with the strict medical surveillance exercised in these Services we should think that if the milk were really an effective source of danger it would soon be detected and the source of supply changed. There are also regulations in force for the control of dairies which are understood to ensure a supply of pure water for cleansing purposes, and the inspection should also be such as to ensure a reasonable observance of cleanliness. If the conditions under which the milk is collected are really as bad as would appear from Mr. LADDS's report it follows that the system of inspection must be radically defective, and this throws the responsibility upon the Government. It would be satisfactory, we think, if a small commission were appointed to visit the dairies in company with Mr. LADDS, the Naval and Army Medical Services being represented upon the commission. If matters are really as bad as Mr. LADDS represents it is disgraceful that milk should be obtained from native dairies for the naval and military hospitals.

THE Government, we think, will on consideration recognise the justice of the unofficial members' request that all motions to be brought forward in the Legislative Council should be set out at length on the agenda. It may be assumed that the members will probably have a general acquaintance with the subject matter of a resolution, but they are placed at an unfair disadvantage if they are kept in ignorance of the exact terms of the resolution until they hear them from the lips of the proposer. If the matter is one upon which they wish to move an amendment they are entitled to know the terms of the resolution in order that they may be able with due deliberation to draft their amendment in accordance therewith, which they cannot always be expected to do in the heat of debate and without a copy of the resolution before them. The omission of the resolutions, and questions also, from the agenda is of quite recent date and we believe originated from a feeling of irritation on the part of the Government officials at certain rather long-winded resolutions of which notice was given by the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD, which swelled the agenda paper to rather portentous size. The hon. gentleman is a thorn in the side of the Government and perhaps it was thought undesirable to give him any measure of publicity that could possibly be avoided, or perhaps it was a mere coincidence, but certain it is that it was at a time when Mr. WHITEHEAD was rather prolific of long resolutions that the practice of printing them with the orders of the day was discontinued. General BLACK, we think, will recognise the fairness of reverting to the old practice and of setting aside any paltry objections thereto arising from official hostility to Mr. WHITEHEAD.

The N. D. L. steamer *Sachsen*, left Shanghai yesterday at 2 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Monday morning, the 28th inst.

The C. Mutual steamer *Oolong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 17th instant, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 10th prox.

The D. D. R. steamer *Oceana*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 24th instant and may be expected here on or about the 2nd prox.

From the *China Gazette* we learn that all the native French polishers in Shanghai, numbering over 200, went on strike on the 21st February for an increase of 10 cents a day wages.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 3rd instant, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port this morning, via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., which left hence 25th ultimo for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 22nd instant.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club E Company, K.O.R. will play G Company, K.O.R. in the third round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield. Kick-off at four o'clock. Referee:—Mr. J. W. L. Oliver.

Major Sir John Carrington, Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, regrets that owing to a difficulty in obtaining seating accommodation in St. John's Cathedral the Church Parade announced in orders for to-morrow morning will not take place.

Yesterday afternoon the matshed barracks at Kowloon occupied by a company of men of the King's Own Regiment caught fire, and before the flames were extinguished a considerable portion of the barracks was destroyed, together with most of the men's clothing and accoutrements.

A Taipeh telegram of the 16th February published in the Japanese vernacular papers states that the Government has arranged to undertake the construction of the Formosan railways, and Mr Kawai, a Commissioner in the Formosan Governor-General's Office, has left for Tokyo on this business. The Formosan Electric Light Co. has been wound up.

The Russian seaman who was on Thursday sent to gaol for six weeks for stealing a sovereign was yesterday ordered to be discharged. On the application of Mr. Hastings the case was re-opened and the additional evidence which was produced strengthened the case for the defence, and therefore the Magistrate reversed his former decision and ordered the discharge of the prisoner.

The Tsungli Yamên acting on advice from Minister Wu to the United States, has requested the Viceroy of this province to give orders to his subordinates to admonish all tea planters and merchants to be careful in the quality of teas exported, and not to mix leaves of inferior quality with good teas, to the detriment of the trade. Viceroy Liu has accordingly instructed the Shanghai Magistrate to that effect.—*Mercury*.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Monday at 3 p.m. The following are the orders of the day:—

Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 1.)

Resolution on the subject of the New Government Offices, by the Hon Director of Public Works.

Motion by Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

Second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to further amend the Prison Ordinance, 1885.

Second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance for the Naturalization of Leung Pui Chi, alias Leung Chak Ch'ang, alias Leung Chung.

Kobe is a flourishing port, probably by reason of the keen competition which is said to be the life of trade, but it is still of second rank among foreign settlements in the Far East, and when that competition leads to the production of three local directories (in addition to the two general ones published in Yokohama) for a one horse town it would seem that there is a waste of energy. By yesterday's mail we received two of these, "The Kobe Directory" published by the Kobe Publishing Company, which appears to be another name for the office of the *Kobe Herald*. This is in book form and contains a lot of information besides the directory proper. The other is the "*Chronicle* Kobe and Osaka Directory" on a large sheet mounted on rollers. This seems more convenient for reference but is strictly confined to a list of firms, etc., and an alphabetical list of residents. Both have plans. As it is difficult to choose between the two those who require one should buy both, and the *Hiogo News* one as an umpire.

The P. & O. steamer *Borneo*, while entering Yokohama bay at nine o'clock on Tuesday, 15th February, grounded on Saratoga spit, and the Japanese man-of-war *Kongo* went from Yokosuka to render her assistance. In attempting to tow her off, a steel tow cable was lost. A similar attempt on the part of the P. & O. steamer *Rosetta* proved equally unsuccessful, but the steamer finally backed off at rising tide at midnight.—*Japan Herald*.

Telegrams to the Manila *Comercio* state that the disaster to the *Maine* at Havana was caused by the dynamos of the electric light installation communicating fire to the magazine, which caused an explosion of the powder and torpedos, blowing up the ship with the whole of the crew. Two hundred and eighty were killed and hundreds injured. The greater number of the survivors were picked up by boats from the Spanish cruiser *Alfonso XIII*.

A cricket match will be played to-day between "A" team and "B" team. The following is the "A" team:—E. Mast, A. Mackenzie, Lieut. Lethbridge, K.O.R., Lieut. Moberly, H.K.R., Rev. G. R. Vallings, E. R. Morris, Peile, R.N., Capt. Simmonds, R.A., D. Woods, Lieut. Davis, R.A., and J. F. A. Hastings, R.N. The following is the "B" team:—L. S. Crawford, G. D. Campbell, H.K.R., P. A. Cox, Dr. Boddington, J. M. Atkinson, A. S. Anton, Mr. Ellis, Lieut. Egerton, Capt. Langhorne, and two others.

A San Francisco paper says that the British steamer *Commonwealth*, 6,000 tons, having been abandoned on the coast of Vancouver Island and picked up by the steamer *Willapa*, was safely anchored in Sidney Inlet. The *Commonwealth* was bound from Kobe to Portland, and broke her shaft. She drifted for three weeks and finally came to anchor near Nootka Sound. The anchor chains parted, and the crew took to the boats in panic and made land safely. The *Willapa*, having towed the abandoned vessel to safety, went in search of the crew, and picked them up about twenty-five miles distant.

The republication of Consul Wildman's little novel, "The Panglima Muda," which begins in to-day's *Press*, should excite more than passing interest, as the theatre of its plot is a sister Crown colony and the characters are for the most part civil servants in the Straits Settlements in 1890-3. On the completion of the "Panglima Muda" as a serial in the *Overland Monthly*, that magazine said editorially regarding the story:—"The tale, the scenery, the characters (with exceptions), and the action, are true to history, with certain allowable licences that the author has taken with motives. ... The Orang Kayah, the Panglima Muda (the rebel General), the Sultans of Johore and Pahang, the Governor of the Straits Settlements (Sir Cecil C. Smith), the President of Pahang (Mr. Rodger), all filled the posts ascribed. The capture and beheading of the notorious Panglima Muda did not end the war, as predicted. It simply brought a year's peace, while the old Orang Kayah (local Malay Governor) was in hiding in the fastnesses of the Siamese-Malayan state of Tringanu. ... The reason alleged why the war was not brought to a close during the term of Sir Cecil C. Smith was because of the jealousy between the civil and military authorities of the Straits Settlements. The General commanding the troops of the colony was Sir Charles Warren, but the Governor declined to call upon him for aid and endeavoured to put down the uprising with native Malay and Indian police. His force proving entirely inadequate, rather than call on the Major General, he appealed to the old Sultan of Johore, who, by using his good offices, brought the first war to an inglorious close, and made the celebrated Panglima a fugitive."

PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA AT SINGAPORE.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

SINGAPORE, 24th February, 11.30 p.m.

Prince Henry of Prussia arrived at Singapore to-day with his squadron—the *Gefion* and *Deutschland*. He landed as an Admiral and at once called on His Excellency the Governor. He then drove to the German Consulate, after which he returned to Government House and attended Lady Mitchell's reception.

In the evening Prince Henry dined with His Excellency the Governor and afterwards attended a reception at the Teutonia Club.

To-morrow Prince Henry goes to Johore tiger shooting.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 23rd February.

THE ZOLA TRIAL—SENTENCE.

M. Zola has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of Frcs. 3,000. This is the most severe sentence that the law permits. The sentence was hailed with frantic enthusiasm in Paris. The audience throughout the trial was allowed to cheer and hoot, unrestrained.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN AFRICA.

M. Hanotaux has informed Sir Edmund Monson that the Sokoto incident was against the wishes and instructions of the French Government.

THE OPENING UP OF CHINA.

The Chinese internal waterways will be opened in June.

THE £16,000,000 CHINA LOAN.

China has concluded a loan for £16,000,000 at 4½ per cent. with the Hongkong & Shanghai and the German Asiatic Banks.

THE PUNJOM MINING CO., LIMITED.

The Secretary of the Punjom Mining Co., Limited, advises us that he has received the following progress report on the operations carried on at the Company's mine for the month ending 31st January, 1898:—

August Shaft, 300 feet Level.—Work was resumed here on the morning of the 10th ult. after the water had drained off. The water, however, got into the soft ground causing small falls of rock, so that it was necessary to timber this portion of the level. This has now been done up to the face of the drive, 74 feet having been strongly timbered. Fair progress has been made for the time worked, 22 feet having been driven, making total distance from shaft 173 feet. I hope in my next report to advise you of having struck the lode with payable stone.

200 feet Level.—This has been driven during the month 14 feet, making total distance from west crosscut 38 ft., very good progress for the time worked. I have stopped this for the present, it having in my opinion passed through a chute of ore, and I prefer to prospect this chute at a deeper level.

North Shaft.—This has been sunk 20 feet, making total depth from surface 234 feet. At 17 feet below the 200 feet we struck what appeared to be the lode, but it proved to be only a hanging wall leader of 2 feet thick carrying good looking mineral, but no free gold. You will see from plans sent you that we should strike the main chute of stone at about 40 feet, or in 13 feet more of sinking. We should get fairly good stone here when met with.

Chinese New Year.—All works except milling was stopped for four days. Malays were put on to tram to mill.

Milling was carried on for 28 days, crushing 2,400 tons of headings for a yield of 300 ozs. of smelted gold.

Bardan Pans treated 36 tons of concentrates for a yield of 36 ozs. making total output 336 ozs. This should leave a profit on the month's work.

Cyanide Plant worked 26 days, treating 720 tons of tailings for a return of 284 ozs. 5 grs. of bullion valued at 15/7½ per oz. This also should leave a profit on the month's run.

Fire.—On the night of the 31st ult. fire destroyed two-thirds of the Chinese camp. In the business part of it all the shops were burnt down. The camp is built on either side of the Jalis river and is so closely built that if one house takes fire there is no hope of saving the smallest portion. The Company have suffered no loss.

General.—Everything coming under this head is having attention and things generally are in good order.

Labour.—Very plentiful and the health of camp is good.

Rainfall for the month is 13½ inches.

THE LAUNCH COLLISION AT KOWLOON.

Yesterday Hon. R. Murray Rumsey (Harbour Master) held an inquiry at the Harbour Office into the circumstances connected with the collision between the steam launches *Dakin* and *Heron*.

E. W. Langley, assistant in Dakin and Co., Victoria Dispensary, said—I was on board the *Dakin* about 4.30 p.m. on the 22nd inst. We were leaving No. 4 Wharf at the Kowloon Wharves and we went out ahead from the wharf. As we got opposite No. 2 wharf a Star ferry launch, the *Rising Star*, was turning between the wharves to pass under our stern bound for Hongkong, while the *Guiding Star* was on our port bow about a hundred yards off. At about the same time the *Heron* was on our starboard bow about a hundred yards off. All the boats were running at their usual speed. My coxswain blew two whistles and went towards the *Guiding Star*. We were passing port to port with the *Guiding Star* when the *Heron* was coming in on us on our starboard bow, and I saw the coxswain putting his helm to port. If he had kept his course he would have cleared us. As it was, he came right into us without slowing or stopping and struck us about amidships and cut into us. Water was coming in and the *Guiding Star* took us in tow to the wharf and we lashed the *Dakin* and so prevented her from sinking.

Wong Yung, master of the *Heron*, said—I was coming from Carlowitz and Co's steamer and going to the ferry wharf. The *Dakin* was coming round from No. 1 wharf and the *Guiding Star* was coming from Hongkong. The *Dakin* was on my port bow and the *Guiding Star* on my starboard bow. I blew my whistle to the *Dakin*, and she answered and I went astern. The *Dakin* came up and I ran into her. The *Guiding Star* was close to me when I struck the [illegible] I did not give way to the *Guiding* [illegible] we were both going to the wha[illegible] would have been clear of each other.

Cheung L[illegible] master of the *Dakin*, said—When I g[illegible] No. 2 wharf I blew two whistles to the [illegible] because I wished to keep to port and [illegible] give way to the *Heron*. When we [illegible] near to each other the *Heron* was coming on my starboard side. She blew a whistle. The *Guiding Star* came up on my port side and we were passing port to port. The *Heron* did not slow nor go astern and she ran into me. I blew my whistle four times. The *Guiding Star* took us in tow. We were sinking.

The coxswain of the *Heron* said—I saw there would be a collision because the *Dakin* did not give way and I could not go to port because of the *Rising Star*, which was coming round the stern of the *Dakin*.

The following was the finding of the Court:—*Dakin* solely to blame for not giving way to launch on her starboard side, instead of which he blew two whistles and thinks this absolves him from observing the rules of the road. Certificate suspended for two months.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

ROYAL ENGINEERS' PRIZE.—26th FEB.

The starting gun will be fired at 2 p.m. The following is the course:—From Police Pier, Kowloon, round Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rocks, Mayor's east buoy, Channel Rocks, leaving all to port, and finish off the Police Pier; 9½ miles. Handicap:—

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Maid Marion...	9 51	=	1 min.	30 secs.
Phoebe........	23 68	"	3 "	45 "
Chanticleer ...	26 03	"	4 "	7 "
Meteor	26 19	"	4 "	8 "
Active	34 40	"	5 "	28 "
Princess	43 85	"	6 "	55 "
Ladybird........	47 12	"	7 "	27 "
Dart	57 28	"	9 "	04 "
Elfin	89 82	"	14 "	13 "
Seabreeze	101 96	"	16 "	9 "

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

MACAO, 25th February.

On Sunday night thirteen prisoners confined in the Monte Fort prison made their escape, at what time is not known, but in the morning when the door was opened the prison was found to be empty. The escapers were all notorious criminals under sentence of deportation to Africa. The escape was made through a small window, the iron bars of which were cut.

Our new Bishop, Dr. Carvalho, and his suite are passengers by the M. M. steamer *Melbourne*. The gunboat *Bengo* is going to Hongkong to bring His Lordship over, and he is expected to arrive on Monday.

A great influx of visitors from Hongkong is expected for the procession of the Cross, which takes place on Sunday next.

I hear that Messrs. Brown, Jones & Co., of Hongkong, are submitting tenders to the Vasco de Gama Celebration Committee for the erection of the monuments to be put up in connection with the occasion.

The weather has entirely changed within the last two days. In place of the damp muggy weather lately experienced we now have it cold again and as I write the thermometer denotes 55 deg. indoors.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the governing directors for the year ending the 31st December, 1897, for presentation to the shareholders at the twelfth ordinary annual general meeting of the Company, to be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, at noon on Saturday, 5th March:—

To the shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—We beg to lay before you our report and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The net profit for that period, including $519.29 brought forward from last account, amounts to $18,934.68, out of which we propose to pay a dividend of 6 per cent. for the year and carry forward $934.68 to the credit of new profit and loss account.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Fullarton, Henderson, who offers himself for re-election.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
Governing Directors.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898.

BALANCE SHEET, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		$ c.
Capital account 30,000 shares of $10 each		300,000.00
Debentures 200 of $1,000 each		20,000.00
Fund for equalization of dividends		25,000.00
Unclaimed dividends		227.07
Fixed loans		63,242.38
Sundry creditors		3,518.19
Profit and loss		18,934.68
		$610,922.32

ASSETS.		$ c.
Amount invested in property		464,072.73
Amount invested on mortgage		15,437.50
Amount invested in public companies (250 shares of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.)		105,000.00
Rents due and accounts receivable		8,314.21
Office furniture		1,212.50
Cash in H'kong & S'hai Bank	$13,018.24	
Cash in hand	67.12	
		13,085.36
		$610,922.32

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.	$ c.
To general charges, Crown rent, fire insurance	3,702.60
To repairs	1,004.04
To interest	9,800.15
To governing directors and auditor's fees and allowance for clerks and office rent	3,100.00
To dividend of 6 per cent. on $300,000	18,000.00
To balance to new account	934.68
	$36,541.47

Cr.	$ c.
By amount carried forward from 1896	519.29
By rents	25,078.19
By commissions and profits on investments	10,849.99
By transfer fees	94.00
	$36,541.47

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THE HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Mr. J. Y. V. Vernon in his weekly share report, dated 25th February, says:—

A fair business has been transacted during the week under review, generally at gradually increasing rates, the market closing steady to firm.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghais up to the 23rd ruled very quiet and neglected, a few small lots at 173 per cent. prem cash and at 175 and 176 for March constituting the entire business; later, however, rumours of a big loan suddenly hardened the market and 175 cash was freely offered without bringing out any shares; the rate further strengthened to 182 per cent. prem., after some small sales at 176 and 178; at the close shares both cash and time are still in demand with very few sellers. Nationals upon the issue of an unexpectedly bad report have ruled very weak at $17 with sellers and no buyers.

MARINE INSURANCES.—China Traders, Cantons, and Straits continue on offer at unchanged rates without business, also Yangtszes. Unions are enquired for at $222½ to $225. North Chinas have changed hands in small lots at Tls. 193.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Remain very quiet with sellers and no sales of Hongkongs at $372½ and small sales of Chinas at $107½, both closing quiet.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macaos have changed hands to a fair extent at $26½ and $26¾ cash and at $27 for March and $27½ for April, closing steady to firm at $26¾. Indo-Chinas continue on offer at $55 without leading to business. Douglases have ruled firm at $58½ with small sales. China Manilas could be placed at $179, but no shares appear to be forthcoming. China Mutuals are enquired for at quotations.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have further improved their position to $173½ after fair sales at $172 and $173 for cash and at $174, $175, and $176 for March and $176 and $178 for April, the market closing steady at $173½. Luzons have been enquired for from the North and a few shares have changed hands at $41.

MINING.—Punjoms have ruled quiet but steady during the week with small sales at $6.35 to $6.60, closing steady at the latter rate. New Balmorals have improved to $1.60 and $1.50 with sales and buyers. Olivers have continued quiet with B shares on offer at $7½ and only small sales. Raubs have been in pretty general demand at from $21½ to $23½, but very few shares are obtainable even at such a tempting advance and the business done during the week is very small; at time of closing shares are wanted at $23½. Charbonnages have further improved to $145 with sales and more could be placed at the rate.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been persistently enquired for at 239 per cent. cum and 227 per cent. to 229 per cent. prem. ex dividend but the enquiry has resulted in little or no business. Wharves have ruled steady with small sales at $59½ cum and at $58 ex dividend, closing steady at $58. Wanchais unchanged and without business.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Lands have changed hands in fair lots at $73, $73½, and $74, closing with further small sellers at the last rate. Hotels neglected, quiet, and without business at quotation. West Points and Humphreys Estates have ruled quiet with sellers and no sales at $20 and $9.25 respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands continue out of favour with sellers at $33 and $17 and no sales. Watsons have found small buyers at $12, Electrics at $10, and Ropes at $174 and $175. Fenwicks upon the publication of a good report for 1897 have jumped to $32 after sales at $30½, 30½, $31, and $32. In Cottons there is nothing special to report. Ewos continue on offer at par. The Shanghai Mills have ruled quiet without business and Hongkong Weaving, &c., Co.'s shares are on offer at $16 in small lots.

RAUB.

The following is the Acting Manager's Report for the four weeks ending on 10th Feb., 1898:—

MINING.

Raub Hole Main West Crosscut.—I am pleased to report that we have at last cut what appears to be a lode. In the face of the drive there is a body of quartz about 18 in. thick, but as yet no gold has been got in it. It is too early to say for certain what it is, but it has every appearance of being a true lode and from its position I have every reason to suppose it is the Bukit Impey lode that we have cut at a depth of 220 ft. Years ago the Bukit Impey lode was worked by this company to a depth of of about 50 ft. when we could not go deeper for water. Several hundred tons of payable ore were crushed from here, but as we had no pumps or machinery available we stopped work on it as it was too expensive to keep the water down by manual labour. It was for the purpose of prospecting the country and ascertaining whether the Bukit Impey lode lived in deep settled country that the west crosscut was driven, and should further exploration prove this to be the Bukit Impey lode, and that it lives and carries gold in the deep ground, it will give us nearly 200 ft. of backs to work in what is practically a new mine. I will open out and drive on this ore and ascertain whether it carries gold and whether it is a lode or only a bunch of ore. The west crosscut was extended 27 ft. during the month making the total distance west from the engine shaft, 462 ft.

Main North Drive.—There is no improvement here. At the date of my last report there were bunches of quartz in the face. These unfortunately did not continue but cut out. At present there is only a very small leader in the face of the drive, which has been extended 16 feet making the total distance north from the crosscut 303 feet.

Leaders.—I had a party at work on the leaders in the old workings above, but the air was too hot to allow them to do any work so I have them employed sinking a winze to bring in air and ventilate their leader. When the winze is through I hope to get a start on the leader again.

Bukit Koman, 140 feet Level South Drive.—The lode here is larger, being fully 8 feet wide, but is very much split up. This is evidently caused by the hard crosscourse, which came in from the west, throwing the lode off its course to the east. I am in hopes that when the country gets settled again the lode will resume its old course and get solid again. The south drive has been extended 11 feet, making the total distance from the crosscut 614 feet.

No. 4 North Air-Shaft.—As the air in the north drive was getting very hot and time was lost waiting for the smoke to clear out after firing, I have started to sink a new air-shaft—No. 4 north—to ventilate the north drive. This air-shaft is sunk and timbered 43 ft. and is situated over the swamp from Bukit Koman on the side of Bukit Jellis Ketchil, so that the north drive now extends under Bukit Jellis Ketchil and proves the Bukit Koman lode to extend into Bukit Jellis Ketchil.

Winze No. 1 North.—This is now down a total depth of 43ft. Very slow progress has been made here during the month as we were unfortunate enough to cut heavy water, which beat us out. The water has drained a little and I have let the contract to another party, who appear to be making much better progress.

Main South Drive.—The lode has improved during the last few days, being fully 2 ft. 6 in. of nice solid stone in face of the drive, with every appearance of making larger. The total distance south from the main crosscut is 794 ft.

Leading Stope.—The lode has improved here, being about 2 ft. of solid ore in which gold can be seen. It appears to be, like the south drive, making larger as we drive south on it.

No. 1 Stope.—This stope is being taken out over 12 ft. wide, it being that width of quartz, leaders and mullock all mixed up and impossible to separate it. The ore in this stope is gradually going out over the back of the stope, the same as it did further back in the stope below. As the ore rises in the face of the stope mullock takes its place and at present half way up the face is pure mullock and the other half quartz and leaders. It will be advisable when the ore rises further to stop this stope and work the ore from the next stope.

No. 2 Stope from the No. 4 Air-Shaft.—The lode is fully 10 ft. wide of nice solid ore which carries very good gold.

No. 3 Stope continues about 8 ft. wide of solid ore which carries very fair gold. This stope ought to get larger as we drive south on it.

No. 4 Stope going north from the No. 3 Air Shaft.—The lode is small, being only about 2 ft. 6 in. thick, and carries fair gold. This stope ought to increase in size as we drive north on it.

No. 5 Stope continues small, there being only about 2 feet of low grade ore here. This at present is the only poor stope we have in the mine, but it ought to improve as we rise on it.

Bottom Level, South Drive.—The lode continues fully 16 feet wide of quartz and leaders, which carry gold. The lode is broken up for about 4 feet on the footwall side, but it is getting solid again. This drive has been extended 9 feet, making the total distance from the crosscut 295 feet.

North Drive.—The lode here is about 7 feet wide of nice solid ore which carries fair gold. The drive has been extended 18 feet, making a total distance north from the crosscut 228 feet.

Bukit Jellis.—Good progress continues to be made with the sinking of this shaft, which is sunk and timbered to a total depth of 191 ft. The shaft for the last 40 ft. has been sunk through quartz, not a defined lode, but bunches of quartz varying in size from one to three feet thick running right across the shaft. No gold has yet been found in any of it.

Battery.—On Monday, 7th instant, we had the usual rough clean-up for the previous four weeks when 1,049 tons of ore realized 2,298 ounces of amalgam. The following are the paticulars of the ore crushed:—

Bukit Koman 1,045 tons } 1,049 tons
Raub Hole 4 "

Crushing was resumed at 6 p.m. the same evening. The above rough clean-up is the best I have had and from the appearance of the mine I anticipate our next general clean-up will be an improvement on our last.

Electric Installation.—The weather is much more favourable, and consequently better progress is being made with this work. The cart-road connecting the Government cart-road at Tras with our power station, a distance of about 5½ miles, is practically completed as to earthwork, leaving only some rock to blast and bridges to build. When the road is finished it will enable us to carry our machinery and stores from the railway at Kuala Kubu to our power station without transhipping. Contractors are also at work on the pipe line and clearing the cable track of all timber possible to fall on the cable.

The sawyers are making good progress with the flume timber. It is sawn alongside our new road and will be carted on to the flume-line as soon as our road is completed.

General.—All work was suspended in the mines for four days during the month owing to Chinese New Year. This stoppage did not interfere with the Battery, which was kept going as usual full time. The weather has improved and now that the Chinese holidays are over I am in hopes of being able to get up our stock of firewood again.

GILBERT B. WHYTE,
Acting Mining Manager.

COLONIAL SERVICE PROMOTION.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S VIEW.

The following extract from a despatch, dated 19th December, 1897, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been published in Ceylon for the information and guidance of the officers concerned:—

"Letters recommending Colonial officers for promotion or honours are received at this office from so many correspondents, who appear to have been appealed to on the ground of their supposed influence, but who have neither themselves been connected with the Colonial Service nor are in a position to judge of the merits of other candidates for similar promotion, that I am compelled to request you to make it known among such officers of your Government as it may be likely to affect, that I do not approve of the use of these means to influence my judgment, and that applications of this kind are by no means necessarily of advantage to the persons recommended in obtaining the fulfilment of their wishes. I do not mean to suggest, however, that the great majority of Colonial officers have not already a perception of the drawbacks and the irregularity of the proceedings upon which I have felt it my duty to comment, and this should be stated in the communications which I have directed you to make to your officers on the subject. It should also be stated that I have no wish to discourage direct applications from officers who desire promotion to particular appointments, or who consider that their services entitle them to promotion generally. Such applications will continue to receive my careful consideration, provided, of course, that, if the officer is in the Colony when he applies, the Colonial Regulations as to the transmission of correspondence through the Governor are complied with. If an officer applies while on leave of absence in this country the application will, when there is any occasion to do so, be referred to the Governor, unless there is a recent report respecting him on record in this office."

THE BUYING-UP OF CARDIFF COAL BY THE ADMIRALTY.

We (*Singapore Free Press*) are enabled to make, on the best authority, the statement that the British Admiralty, in providing themselves at Singapore, Hongkong, and other Eastern ports with supplies of Welsh steam coal, were only consulting their immediate and immediately prospective requirements. The purchases of coal here and elsewhere, that have so seriously dislocated the market and absorbed the bulk of the stocks of Cardiff coal, had really no reference to the amount actually then in the hands of merchants or contractors, but simply covered the actual wants, so far as they could be appreciated, of the China squadron, and reinforcements to arrive. It has been held necessary not only to provide for the coaling of ships in transit and on arrival, but to ensure that the whole squadron, thus increased, shall be able for an indefinite time, not of very long duration perhaps, to freely keep the sea and transfer itself from point to point as exigencies may determine. That, and that alone, was the sole motive of the recent purchases, and consequent almost entire depletion of Eastern free stocks of that variety of coal. It is incidentally a possible consequence that other squadrons in the East should find their supplies exhausted, or at least so limited as to deny them any real collective ability to hold the sea. But that is the accidental consequence, not the intention, of the British Admiralty purchases. If an American telegram is to be credited, the whole British Pacific squadron from Esquimault, headed by the *Imperieuse* flagship, had orders to leave for China, and the latter was about to sail. As to the latter vessel that contingency was one directly specified by us, and we hinted that it would not surprise us any day to hear of the arrival of the *Imperieuse* at Yokohama. It is much to be doubted whether more than one of either the *Amphion* or *Leander* would accompany the *Imperieuse*, conceding the correctness of the telegram. But it appears to be understood that, in certain contingencies, all small ships, like the *Plover* and so on, would be assembled at Esquimault or Hongkong and the subsidised cruisers of the "Empress" line manned with their crews when got ready for service, magazines filled, and guns mounted. But there seems no prospect of that being wanted and we think that, excepting one or at most two ships, the Pacific squadron will remain for the present at Esquimault. The plain fact of the situation is this, that it is the British Admiralty alone that has grasped the occasion and provided beyond misadventure for obvious possibilities in the way of coal expenditure. Other powers sending out ships have trusted too much to the ordinary coaling facilities, without seeming to comprehend that their action in the aggregate was certain to overstrain these facilities, and deplete normal stocks before these could again in the course of trade be brought up even to the common level of supply. It is understood that it may be necessary to transfer a portion of the Admiralty stock of Welsh coal at Singapore to points further north, for the maintenance of the bunker supply of the squadron. This action, indeed, goes to prove that the supplies available at northern ports are not considered sufficient for the proper continuous supply of the reinforced British squadron. It has been in a sense a commercial rather than a political move; and if any merchant foresees a run on a limited market he takes time by the forelock and lays in all he wants, quite irrespective of the state of his neighbours' stocks. Indirectly the situation does have an illuminating effect on the distribution of British stations on the trade routes, and the value of these to any squadron drawing supplies of motive power from these points. But because a sort of accident has anticipated others in making use of the limited supplies on the spot, it does not at all follow,—indeed it is very warmly disclaimed,—that the possible casual inconvenience to the vessels of other Governments had the slightest place in the intentions of the British Admiralty or of their executive officers in the Far East.

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OUR PARIS LETTER.

PARIS, 8th January.

Europe for a while is left to itself; interest has emigrated to the Chinese seas and the Upper Nile, and it is upon British movements that all attention is concentrated. It was full time for England to show the world she was not asleep, but only awaiting the turn of the tide. That has now occurred, for she has taken it at the flood—which it is said leads on to fortune, and has very quietly brought Russia to book, by re-installing, aided by seven battleships, her superintendent of Customs at Seoul, Korea, Mr. McLeavy Brown, whom a Russian functionary jockeyed away. That act means protection and tranquillity for Sir Robert Hart, the foremost and most honoured functionary in the service of China. It will lead to other good things; that of the British Government regarding favourably the negotiation of an English loan for the Celestials, and thus lower by several pegs the rather excessive influence of Russia in the home affairs of the Son of Heaven. England has also replied to the out-put of the arrangements the Muscovite has made with China, as the sequence of the alliance to pull up the Japs; she will consent to no Chinese port being held, and closed, by a European power against the traders of the world. Port Arthur can allow what ships it pleases to anchor there for the winter; Russia has already removed from Vladivostock her fleet there to escape being frozen up; and England has sent two cruisers to keep them company, by virtue of the clause of the most favoured nation in her commercial treaties.

As to Germany, her speculation in China is not gay; the attitude of England reminds her in advance that she will not be allowed to look out the ships of other nations from Kiao-chau unless John Chinaman has previously accorded a write-off to Britain. It is that attitude which has given heart of grace to the Celestials; their back bone appears to be developing. As to what course the Japanese will adopt, it will naturally be on the same lines as England's policy. Germany can do only very little in China, her contingent of troops would be speedily swamped by Chinese numbers while English action will not remain merely a looker on. France is not, it seems, bound to follow the Asiatic fortunes of her ally, so will remain coy. Besides, her hand will soon be drawn respecting the Upper Nile. Germany in China is in a fix; she has a hornet's nest about her ears, and the Kaiser will soon find out that playing at filibustering is costly work, and the founding of colonies no easy task. The internal condition of Austro-Hungary, and the resolution of Italy to abstain from all extra-European dangers, place Emperor William in a brown study.

It is a good influence that has stimulated Britain to accelerate her advance on Khartoum-Omdurman. She will then be better able to penetrate deeper into the Soudan. Opinion inclines to conclude that the advance of French explorers, to work in with the Khalifa, is the cause of the quick march. Any one is free to help the Dervishes, but they must take the consequences from the British campaign. The English Government has more than once declared it was resolved to win back the lost provinces of Egypt for the Khedive, and would not permit of any interference with its projects. King, or Emperor, Menelik is too sagacious to allow his Abyssinians to be drawn into collision with the British, for the beautiful eyes of either Russia or France. He knows England is not Italy, and appreciates the full value of the route she has now from Suakim to Kassala, and up to Berber. The projects of the empire-building men of Rhodesia and of East Africa, and the organization of a colonial army in East Africa, are facts that cannot be over-looked. Save Crete, Europe has nothing disquieting at the present moment; still no one can be assured what turn Oriental and African events may take.

The curtain will soon be rung down upon the Dreyfus scandal. The court martial upon Major Esterhazy will sit in a few days, and so all that is precise and true will be made known. There are partizans on both sides who claim to be alike victorious at the nomination of the Military Court; and the reflecting public also are pleased that there will be nothing this time open to question in the search light that Justice will this time lay on. It is curious that the Press is divided respecting the holding of the trial with closed doors; one would have imagined there was nothing to conceal save the blunderings of some functionaries. In any case the holding of an open court is a question exclusively for the seven judges, composed of one general, two colonels, two lieutenant colonels, and two majors—with three supplemental judges drafted from the last three categories. The selections have been made by General Saussier from the list of officers told off for courts-martial, and so do not represent fear, favour, or affection. Besides, everybody accepts General Saussier as the Bayard of the French army, that he has to quit in a few weeks on account of old age. He was commander of the troops of Paris, and in case of war would have to take the supreme post.

Having heavily handicapped pigs, fresh pork, bacon, lard, and canned meats of that animal's flesh, thus aiming directly at the United States, which, it is asserted, were "striking oil" at the expense of French stomachs, the public is now waiting to note the action of Uncle Sam in the matter of reprisals. Not much is left to him to tax more heavily, save silks, fancy leathers, expensive wines, art products, and literature. These are out-puts not quite in demand with the American masses. The tide runs strongly protection-wards. The crisis will arrive the moment England is compelled, in self-defence, to make the stranger aid her exchequer. Germany has yet to negotiate a commercial treaty with England, as old arrangements expire at the close of July. But the Teuton has perhaps other fish to fry—in China for example. Being nipped in the Flowery Land may aid to explain why John Bull has not hesitated to advance upon Khartoum. After the Kruger telegram, his Majesty of Germany was able to indulge in every scheme of land grabbing.

Paris is reported to publish 320 different almanacs in a year, exclusive of those of a not serious character. One of these, by the three heads of the meteorological stations, is always interesting. The Tour de St. Jacques, in the Rue de Rivoli, is the most employed of all weather stations, because ladies employ its one-franc bulletin to be told the kind of weather it will be for the same hours they intend to display a new bonnet. In order to acquire building sites for the wants of the city, 251 acres of gardens, devoted to the commercial cultivation of flowers, have been utilised, and about 1,000 acres of vineyards. When Wales can grow wine, Paris may be excused having done so. In the matter of either wet, drought, heat, or frost, wooden pavement was the best. There is a mean of 50 frosty days in Paris during the year, and 25 of fog. The mean average temperature varies from 50 to 58 degrees Fah., and the total yearly rainfall is 20 inches, spread over 150 days. The duration of a shower is 30 minutes. Between March and October, 30 days are stormy, and the wind travels from 4 to 55 yards in a second. Snow is never heavy, but in 1879 the soil was covered with a layer 20 inches deep. Since 1891 the legal hour for all France is the mean time at Paris.

A singular cycle accident has occurred to Barrister Monod. On December 17th last he was wheeling with his daughter, when his bike caught in a tram rail; he was upset, and a cab that was following ran over him, the horse trampling him in addition. He got on his feet, and shook himself together; complained of no internal injuries, and exteriorly had only a few bruises. Yesterday a relative paid him a visit; he was as merry as a lark and very gay. An hour later he was dead. He was a model of health.

Nearly half the taxes of Paris are raised by the dues—the octrois—struck on certain classes of articles entering the city. The Municipal Council intend to abolish that indirect, in favour of a national system of direct, taxation. Perhaps this is the outflow of the commencement of the change that must ensue from the demolition of the fortifications of the city. The tax on the stomach is very unfair; thus the poor man's barrel of wine that costs but 70 fr. has to pay some 53 fr. duty, just as the rich citizen's barrel, valued it may be at 700 fr. Then what a regiment of excise officers to pension off, or to compensate.

Meccas must have their utility, since they exist, but none is so sad and dreary as that to Jardies, on New Year's Day, the residence of the ex-patriot Gambetta, and where the ex-patriot expired. It is an humble residence, not the remotest pretension, inside or outside, to greatness; it was there he lived with his mistress and only his most intimate friends were admitted. Every year the apartments—they smell of sepulchre—are opened, a green-wood fire made; on a plain table are sheets of paper, where visitors write their names. The remaining leading men of his party, now very small, arrive there, deliver an oration, and retire. On a small road in line with the dwelling is a monument to

Gambetta—lost in the surrounding trees somewhat. The deceased's heart is in the possession of the family of Mr. Paul Bert; his brain is preserved in a bottle of spirits of wine in the anthropological Museum, with those of the other members of the society. The brain is light (37 ozs.) but it is singularly rich in convolutions. Yet, as in the case of Voltaire, the interior of the skull was quite smooth. What say phrenologists to that?

Parisians do not like International exhibitions; they are ever followed by a three years of bad and suffering trade. That said, the works for the 1900 fete are getting along very well; there is a multitude of people employed everywhere; the big wigs are not forgotten at banquets, where the uniform note is the rule, and that will be so for at least three years. Then sorrow.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Seeds of the kola tree (Cola acuminata) are stated by the Secretary of the Royal Botanic Society to have been planted at Kew as long ago as 1880, and the plants propagated were distributed to numerous tropical stations, where the nuts are now produced. Until recently, however, there has been no great demand for the production, notwithstanding its very remarkable properties. The nuts, several of which are contained in a fleshy fruit four to six inches long, have been used in their native home in West Africa as far back as it is possible to trace, and they give to people eating them great endurance of prolonged labour and exertion without fatigue, the kola paste being estimated to be five times as sustaining as cocoa. The kola nuts contain over two per cent of caffeine. They are claimed to lack the tendency of coffee and cocoa to create biliousness, and that of tea to cause nervous excitability, while being far more nutritious than any of the three. In medicine, they act as a powerful nerve stimulant.

From ten years' statistics at 278 stations in Cape Colony, Dr. A. Buchan finds that the annual rainfall over South Africa, to the north of the latitude of Clanwilliam, steadily increases from west to east, the amount on the Atlantic coast falling short of five inches a year, whereas on the east coast, for some distance to the north and south of Durban, it exceeds forty inches. On the south and south-eastern coasts it exceeds twenty inches.

The effects of certain metals on photographic plates seems to be due to vapour of the metals. Evidence of this has been obtained by Prof. J. J. Thomson, acting on a suggestion from Sir George Stokes, by passing a stream of air between zinc plates and the sensitive plates, the air causing a distortion of the photographs.

The smallest flowering plant yet discovered is the Wolffia brasiliensis, of the Duckweed family, which appears on stagnant pools as a green ball a thirteenth of an inch in diameter.

It is very curious that the great obstacle encountered in tunneling under the snow-covered Alps is the excessively high temperature. In the construction of the Mont Cenis tunnel, according to statistics collected by M. Victor Brandicourt, the highest temperature recorded was 80° F., which was reached at a point near the centre of the tunnel about 5,100 feet beneath the mountain summit, on which the mean temperature is 27°. The St. Gothard was still hotter, a temperature of 95° having been observed in the centre for several days. Such a heat, in a moisture-laden and impure atmosphere, could be endured but five hours a day for two days in three, and so prostrating was the labour at Mont Cenis and St. Gothard that the physician who attended the workmen ten years reports the number of invalids to have been as great as 60 to the 100. Stranger still was the appearance of a tropical disease—due to intestinal parasites—that is known only in the hottest regions of the earth. Even greater rock temperatures are expected in the great tunnels projected in recent years, those of the Simplon, St. Bernard and Mont Blanc,—experienced engineers predicting that under Mont Blanc a heat considerably greater than 100 degrees, possibly above 125 degrees, will be reached. Improved methods of ventilating, cooling, and working will all contribute, however, towards overcoming the difficulties of working.

Altitudes are calculated from barometric records according to a formula worked out by Laplace. It is important to know how accurate this formula really is, and to test it Cailletet has devised a photographic camera, to be carried on balloons, for recording at the same instant the height of the barometer and the actual height of the balloon as shown by the distance apart on the photographic plate of prominent objects on the earth's surface. The apparatus consists of a prismatic box, with lenses on the upper and lower faces, between which a band of sensitized celluloid is moved by clockwork and exposed at regular intervals. One lens gives a picture of the scenery below, the other of the needle of the barometer, and in a recent ascent to a mile and a half 23 photographs were obtained.

A system of 100 electrically-operated clocks at Brussels, Belgium, has been in use, with some modifications, since April, 1857.

SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer *Zafiro*, from Manila 22nd Feb., had light to fresh monsoon, considerable sea and cloudy weather.

The British steamer *Kong Beng*, from Saigon 20th Feb., had light S.W. wind to Triton Island; thence to port strong N.E. wind and high N.E. sea.

The British steamer *Oanfa*, from Liverpool 15th Jan., and Singapore 19th Feb., had light winds and fine weather to the Paracels; from thence to port strong N.E. monsoon, squally and heavy head sea.

The British steamer *Devawongse*, from Bangkok 17th Feb., and Swatow 24th, had moderate southerly winds and fine weather to Paracels; from thence to Swatow fresh N.E. winds and high sea; overcast, squally. From Swatow to port moderate N.E. breeze and fine weather.

The British steamer *Phra C. C. Klao*, from Bangkok and Koh-si-chang 18th Feb., had moderate and light S. and S.E. wind and clear weather to Varella. From Varella to within 50 miles of Gap moderate and strong, high sea, dull and overcast; then wind and sea moderating.

The British steamer *Haimun*, from Tamsui 22nd Feb., Amoy 23rd, and Swatow 24th, had moderate N.E. gale, following high sea and cloudy to Amoy and Swatow. From Swatow to port fresh northerly wind, moderate sea, fine and clear weather. In Tamsui—Amr. sch. *Tolna*. In Amoy—Str. *Wenchow*. In Swatow—Str. *Phra Chom Klao*.

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Hongkong 4th August, 1897. [204

INTIMATIONS

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at Twelve o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 28th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1898. [382

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 12.15 o'clock P.M., when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed.

RESOLUTIONS.

That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by eliminating therefrom the word "February" and substituting therefor the word "March."

That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the words "or Extra Reserve Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in the sixth line of the said Article, and the words "and Extra Reserve Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in the seventh line of the said Article.

That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words "and subject to the provisions of Articles 121A and 121B" immediately after the word "sum" and before the word "be" in the fourth line of such Article.

That the following Articles be inserted immediately after Article No. 121 and be numbered Articles 121A and 121B.

121A.—"Although the Reserve Fund may "amount to the sum of One Million "Dollars the Directors may nevertheless "at their discretion from time to time "appropriate a portion, not exceeding "ten *per cent.* of the net income and profits earned by the Company in any one "year, to the formation of an additional "Reserve Fund, to be called 'Extra Reserve Fund.'"

121B.—"The monies standing at the credit "of the Extra Reserve Fund may be "applicable for the equalization of "dividends, and such monies, or some "portion thereof, may, whenever the "Directors shall think fit, be appropriated "towards the equalization of dividends."

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1898. [383

GEO. FENWICK & CO., LIMITED.

THE NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL on MONDAY, 28th February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, declaring a dividend, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to 28th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1898. [501

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY, will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, PEDDER'S STREET, on MONDAY, the 28th day of February, 1898, at 12.30 of the Clock in the AFTERNOON, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1898. [331

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO. (IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given in pursuance of Section 130 of the Companies Ordinance No. 1 of 1865, that a General Meeting of the members of the above-named Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on TUESDAY, the First day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of having an account laid before them shewing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and also of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books, accounts, and documents of the Company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

Dated the 23rd February, 1898.
F. MAITLAND,
Liquidator.
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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 5th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th instant, to the 5th March, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
Governing Directors.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [534

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 7th March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1897, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st inst. to the 7th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898. [509

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [14

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL $10,000,000
RESERVE FUND ....$ 8,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS.$10,000,000

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1898. [13

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ....£1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL..................£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1897. [15

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL..............£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000
PAID UP ....£ 562,500
RESERVE FUND ....£ 10,000
BANKERS:
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months ....4 %
" 6 " 3½%
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J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1897. [16

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

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CAPITAL PAID-UP.......................£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS....................................£800,000
RESERVE FUND..............................£375,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months ... 4 per cent.
" " 6 " ... 3½ "
" " 3 " ... 2½ "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1897. [17

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE ORDINARY SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 375 for TWENTY-FIVE ORDINARY SHARES numbered 10,625/10,649 standing in the Register in the name of WERNER KROHN, of Foochow, having been declared LOST, notice is hereby given that unless the said certificate be produced at the LIQUIDATOR'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 26th day of February, 1898, a new certificate for the said shares will be issued and the old certificate will thereafter be held by the Liquidator as null and void.

JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Liquidator of the Punjom Mining Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1898. [398

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE of 12 Shares numbered 4,142/4,143 and 4,569/4,578 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Mrs. GUADALUPE ROCHA having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a duplicate certificate for the said 12 Shares will be issued one month hence and that the original certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1898. [502

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 % per Share and Bonus of 4 % per Share for the six months ending 31st December, 1897, declared at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the premises of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, the 22nd February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, PRAYA CENTRAL.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898. [510

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the Half Year ending 31st December, 1897, on or before the 15th March, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
THOS. I. ROSE,
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Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [535

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Hongkong, 27th July, 1897. [119

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [20

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1872 [18

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PAID-UP CAPITAL 687,500 0 0
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Hongkong, 12th June, 1897. [1526

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THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The R. M. steamer *Peru*, with the American mail of the 25th ultimo, left Shanghai on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 25th instant.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with the American mail of the 3rd instant leaves Yokohama on Saturday, the 26th and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 4th proximo.

The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai on the 12th instant.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Taiyuan*, from Australian ports, left Port Darwin on the 20th instant, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 1st March.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd instant.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. P. steamer *Braemar* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 3rd instant.

The N. P. steamer *Mogul* sailed from Portland on the 19th inst. for Japan and Hongkong.

The N. P. steamer *Columbia* sailed from Tacoma on the 19th inst. for Japan and Hongkong.

The C. Mutual steamer *Oanfa*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 19th instant, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 25th instant.

The steamer *Pathan*, from New York, left Singapore on the 23rd instant and is due here on or about the 28th instant.

The D. D. R. steamer *Oceana*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 24th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd prox.

The C. Mutual steamer *Oolong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 17th instant, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 10th March.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—28th Jan.—*Gisela, Ixion, Anapa, Trieste.* 31st Jan.—*Ailsa, Energia.* 1st Feb.—*Craig.* 4th Feb.—*Gerda, Benvorlich, Sunda.* 6th Feb.—*Hounslow.* 11th Feb.—*Menelaus, Alton, Glaucus, Latona.* 15th February—*Bayern, Rose, Castle.* 18th February—*Shanghai, Telamon, Ernest Simons, Manila, Andaluzia, Avala.* 22nd February—*Bengloe, Bowkrad, St. Mary, Wally.*

HOMEWARD.—22nd February—*Preussen.*

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The Postal Guide for 1896, revised to date will be found in the *Chronicle and Directory*, P. XIX. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Socotra*, to-day, the 26th inst., at 10.00 A.M.

For Takow.—Per *Foochow*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Amara*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Lyeemoon*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Yokohama and Kobe.—Per *Ceres*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Wuchow.—Per *Lee On*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Glenshiel*, to-day, the 26th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

For Hoihow, Singapore and Bangkok.—Per *Wongkoi*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Tientsin.—Per *Kweiyang*, on Monday, the 28th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.—Per *Chelydra*, on Tuesday, the 1st proximo at 11.00 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Rosetta*, on Saturday, the 5th March, at 5.00 P.M.

For Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or.—Per *Braemar*, on Saturday, the 15th Mar., at 11.30 A.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Sydney* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases

10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases

11.00 A.M.—Mail closes

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.

The German Contract Packet *Sachsen*, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st March, with Mails for the United Kingdom Europe and countries beyond, *via Naples*, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c.

Registry ceases at 7.30 A.M.

The mail closes at 8.00 A.M. Late letters 8.10 to 8.30 A.M. with 10 cents extra postage.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Peru* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 3rd March, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, and San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10 A.M. Registry ceases.

11 A.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Coromandel*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 5th March, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.

10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.

10.30 A.M.—Posting of newspapers, books, and patterns ceases.

11.00 A.M. Mail Closes

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) *with 10 cents late fee* up to 11.30 A.M. after which hour they may be sent on board with the same late fee.

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LYEEMOON, Ger. str., G. Hauermann—Siemssen & Co.
R. R. THOMAS, Amer. ship, Blanchard—Standard Oil Co.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
FRIDAY, 25th February
EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/10¼
Bank Bills, on demand 1/10¼
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/10⅜
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/10⅝
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/10⅝
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/10⅝

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 2.34½
Credits, at 4 months' sight...............2.38½

ON GERMANY.—
On demand......................................1.89½

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand 45¼
Credits, 60 days' sight......................46¼

ON BOMBAY.—
Telegraphic Transfer 138¼
Bank, on demand 139

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 138¼
Bank, on demand 139

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight 74
Private, 30 days' sight 74¾

ON YOKOHAMA.—
On demand ....8¼ % pm.

ON MANILA.—
On demand ....9 % pm.

ON SINGAPORE.—
On demand ....1 % pm.

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate ...10.61
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael..........55.50

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai...	$125	182 pr. ct. prem., [$352.50, buyers
China & Japan, prf.	£5	nominal
Do. ordinary	£1 10s.	nominal
Do. deferred	£1	£5. 5s., buyers
Natl. Bank of China		
B. Shares ...	£8	17, sales
Foun. Shares...	£1	17
Bell's Asbestos E. A...	£1	nominal
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$8.75
China Sugar	$100	$173½, sal. & buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 100	Tls. 110, sellers
Hongkong	$20	$16, sellers
International	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
Laou Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 520
Yahloong	Tls. 100	Tls. 90
Dairy Farm	$5	$5½
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$32, sales
Green Island Cement	$10	$33, sellers
Do. New Issue	$2½	$17
H. & C. Bakery	$50	$83
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$120
Hongkong Electric	$10	$10, sales & sellers
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$105
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$50, ex div.
Hongkong Ice	$25	$107, sales & buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$58, ex div.
Hongkong Rope	$50	$175, sales
H. & W. Dock	$125	229, p. ct. prem., $411.25, ex div. b.
Insurances—		
Canton	$50	$160, sellers
China Fire	$20	$167½, sales
China Traders'	$25	$66, sellers
Hongkong Fire	$50	$372½, sellers
North-China	£25	Tls. 198, sales
Straits	$20	$18, sellers
Union	$25	$222½, buyers
Yangtsze	$60	$140, sellers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	$50	$74, sales
Humphreys Estate	$10	$9, sales
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$17½
West Point Building	$40	$20
Luzon Sugar	$100	$41, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 500	$145, sales & buyers
Gt. Estn. & C'donian	$5	$6
Do.	$2½	$3.10, sellers
Jelebu	$5	$2
New Balmoral	$1	$1.60, sales
Do. Preference	$1	$1.90, sales
Oliver's Mines, A.	$5	$19, sellers
Do. B.	$2½	$7½, sellers
Punjom	$5	$6½
Do. Preference	$1	$1.90, buyers
Raubs	18s. 10d.	$23½, buyers
New Amoy Dock	$10	$17½, sellers
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manila	$50	$78, buyers
China Mutual Ord.	£10	£7 10s. buyers
Do. Preference	£10	£5 16s. buyers
Do. Do.	£5	£2 15s. buyers
Douglas Steamship	$50	$58½, sales
H., Canton and M.	$15	$28½, sales & buyers
Indo-China S. N.	£10	$55, sellers
Tebrau Planting Co.	$5	$5, sellers
Do.	$2	$2, sales
United Asbestos	$2	$2, sellers
Do.	$10	$10, nominal
Wanchai Warehouse	$37½	$41½
Watson & Co., A. S.	$10	$12, sales

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		with allowance of	
New Malwa (this year's)	$780	0 to 1	cents
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Oily and Paper-wrapped ....$640 to $660
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THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 25th FEBRUARY, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32o Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours
Wladivostock	29.76	21	—	—	0	o	...
Tokyo	29.86	—	—	NW	4	—	...
Kochi	30.03	—	—	SW	2	—	...
Nagasaki	30.07	—	—	NE	4	—	...
Kagoshima	30.07	—	—	N	2	—	...
Gutzlaff	30.28	44	60	WNW	3	cv	...
Sharp Peak	30.18	49	71	ENE	1	o	...
Amoy	30.12	54	74	SW	1	o	...
Swatow	—	—	—	N	2	o	...
Canton	30.21	51	72	NE	1	o	...
Hongkong	30.14	50	77	—	0	o	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	N	5	—	...
Gap Rock	30.11	—	—	NNW	5	—	...
Macao	30.16	50	—	NNW	2	o	...
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Bolinao	29.84	62	79	SW	4	b	...
Manila	29.88	77	83	SSE	1	o	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	E	6	b	...
25th FEBRUARY, AT 10 A.M.							
Wladivostock	29.76	5	87	NW	1	c	...
Tokyo	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Gutzlaff	30.21	44	65	W	3	bv	...
Sharp Peak	30.27	53	67	—	0	b	...
Amoy	30.21	52	73	N	1	c	...
Swatow	—	—	—	N	3	b	...
Canton	30.27	48	78	N	1	b	...
Hongkong	30.22	57	36	NE	2	b	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	E	2	—	...
Gap Rock	30.20	—	—	NE	4	—	...
Macao	30.25	55	—	N	2	c	...
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Bolinao	30.00	79	78	NE	7	c	...
Manila	29.93	82	70	SSE	1	c	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	NE	6	bm	...

On the 25th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has fallen moderately in the North, risen slightly in the South. Pressure remains high over Central China, and a low pressure area lies in the N. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients moderate to slight. Forecast:—Moderate N. and NE. windy fine.

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	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.14	30.22	30.09
Temperature	60	57	59
Humidity	77	26	45
Direction of wind	—	NE	E
Force	0	2	2
Weather	o	b	b
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 24th 54
Lowest open air temperature on the 24th 50

F. G. FIGG, Acting Director.
Hongkong Observatory, 25th February, 1898.

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER, 25th Feb.

Barometer 9 A.M....30.11 Therm. 9 A.M. (Wetbulb) 46
Barometer 1 P.M....30.05 Therm. 1 P.M. (Wetbulb) 51
Barometer 4 P.M.. 30.01 Therm. 4 P.M. (Wetbulb) 50
Thermom. 9 A.M... 56 Therm. Maximum 60
Thermom. 1 P.M... 60 Therm. Minimum (overnight)........................ 53
Thermom. 4 P.M... 59

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.
26th February to 4th March.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Sat.	26	m 0 30 / 0 11 a	2 9 / 3 9	m 5 46 / 6 58 a	0 4 / 0 3
Sun.	27	m 1 18 / 0 40 a	2 0 / 3 0	m 6 6 / 8 13 a	0 3 / 0 6
Mon.	28	m 2 45 / 1 21 a	1 6 / 3 5	m 0 14 / 10 2 a	1 1 / 0 6
Tues.	1	No inferior / 2 22 a	high- / 3 8	nor low- / 11 39 a	water / —0 2
Wed.	2	No inferior / 3 46 a	high- / 3 8	nor low-	water.
Thurs	3	No inferior / 5 11 a	high- / 3 10	m 0 32 / nor low-	—0 3 / water.
Fri.	4	m 9 34 / 6 12 a	2 0 / 4 1	m 1 10 / m 11 34	—0 6 / 1 11

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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898. [8

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FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
OLYMPIA	2,608	T. H. Dobson	March 8
COLUMBIA	2,605	A. Gow	April 5
TACOMA	2,549	A. Dixon	April 26
VICTORIA	3,167	J. Truebridge	May 17

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION CO.

Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898. [9

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
WAKASA MARU, J. B. MacMillan	YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	WEDNESDAY, 9th March, at 4 P.M.
TOSA MARU, C. Hillcoat	MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 17th March, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU, S. Kawamuro	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 17th March, at 4 P.M.
IDZUMI MARU, R. Nunome	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), & COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 22nd March, at Noon.
KANAGAWA MARU, J. MacKenzie	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, at 4 P.M.
*RIOJUN MARU, A. E. Moses	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., VIA KOBE & YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 24th March, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [11

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	SOCOTRA, J. Paine, R.N.R.	Noon, 26th February	Freight. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
LONDON, &c.	COROMANDEL, F. N. Tillard	Noon, 5th March	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUNDA, S. G. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	About 5th March	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	THAMES, S. Barcham	About 5th March	Freight or Passage.
YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	ROSETTA, E. P. Bishop	Daylight, 6th March	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	JAPAN, T. Leigh	About 19th March	Freight or Passage.

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [1

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1898. [505

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"

Captain Gregory, will be despatched TO-DAY, the 26th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1898. [531

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"CERES,"

Captain Th. Foerck, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 26th inst., at 6 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898. [538

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"LYEEMOON,"

Captain G. Hoeermann, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 26th inst., at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [542

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TAKAO.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOCHOW,"

Captain Blackbourne, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1898. [541

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"

Captain Asquith, will be despatched as above, on TUESDAY, the 1st March.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1898. [134

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON via Suez Canal	Nestor	Brit. str.	Asquith	Butterfield & Swire	On 1st March.
LONDON	Japan	Brit. str.	Leigh	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 19th March.
LONDON via STRAITS, &c.	Coromandel	Brit. str.	Tillard	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 5th March, at Noon.
BREMEN via Ports of Call	Sachsen	Ger. str.	Supmer	Melchers & Co.	On 1st Mar., at 9 A.M.
ANTWERP, Bremen, H'berg, &c.	Crefeld	Ger. str.		Melchers & Co.	On or about 15th March.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, &c.	Tosa Maru	Jap. str.	Hillcoat	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 17th March, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES via Saigon, etc.	Sydney	Fren. str.	Aubert	Messageries Maritimes	To-day, at Noon.
VANCOUVER, v. Shanghai, &c.	Empress of Japan	Brit. str.	Lee, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	On 16th Mar., at Noon.
PORTLAND, Oregon via Kobe	Braemar	Brit. str.	Porter	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 15th March, at Noon.
SEATTLE, W'ington, v. Kobe, &c.	Riojun Maru	Jap. str.	Moses	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th March, at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & Tacoma v. S'hai.	Olympia	Brit. str.	Dobson	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 8th March at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai	Coptic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 12th March, at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO via S'hai. &c.	Peru	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	On 3rd March, at Noon.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	Ghazee	Brit. str.		Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 12th March.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	Lyderhorn	Brit. str.	Hammernes	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On or about 1st March.
Y'HAMA via Nagasaki & Kobe	Rosetta	Brit. str.	Bishop	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th Mar., Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Ceres	Ger. str.	Foerck	Siemssen & Co.	To-day, at 6 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	Wakasa Maru	Jap. str.	MacMillan	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 9th March, at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Yamaguchi Maru	Jap. str.	Kawamuro	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 17th March, at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Kanagawa Maru	Jap. str.	MacKenzie	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23rd March, at 4 P.M.
NAGASAKI, Kobe & Y'hama	Socotra	Brit. str.	Paine, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
S'HAI, N'saki, Kobe & Y'hama	Melbourne	Fren. str.	Duchateau	Messageries Maritimes	On or about 27th inst.
S'HAI, N'saki, Kobe & Y'hama	Sunda	Brit. str.	Andrews, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 5th March.
SHANGHAI, Kobe & Y'hama	Pathan	Brit. str.	Day	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 1st March.
SHANGHAI	Thames	Brit. str.	Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 5th March.
SHANGHAI via AMOY	Dardanus	Brit. str.	Gregory	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Lyeemoon	Ger. str.	Hoeermann	Siemssen & Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	Singan	Brit. str.	Jamieson	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at 10 A.M.
TAKAO	Foochow	Brit. str.	Blackbourne	Butterfield & Swire	On 28th inst., at 3 P.M.
SWATOW, Amoy & Tamsui	Haiman	Brit. str.	Bathurst	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
TIENTSIN DIRECT	Kweiyang	Brit. str.	Outerbridge	Butterfield & Swire	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA DIRECT	Zafiro	Brit. str.	Cobban	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On 1st March, at Noon.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Airlie	Brit. str.	Ellis	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On 5th Mar., Daylight.
S'PORE, Colombo, & Bombay	Idzumi Maru	Jap. str.	Nunome	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22nd March, at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Chelydra	Brit. str.	Cass	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	On 1st March, at Noon.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1898, at Noon, the Company's Steamship "SYDNEY," Captain Aubert, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo will leave this port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S. S. "CALEDONIEN," which vessel takes on her passengers and mails, leaving that port on the ———, direct to Suez, Port Said, and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 25th February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1898. [2

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

PERU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, & Yokohama)	THURSDAY, March 3, 1898, at Noon.
CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, March 22, 1898, at Noon.
CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, April 9, 1898, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "PERU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 3rd March, 1898, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1898. [3

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE,"

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 5th March, at DAYLIGHT.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the China Navigation Company and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1898. [495

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"MELBOURNE,"

Captain Duchateau, will be despatched as above on or about TO-MORROW, the 27th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898. [2

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN DIRECT.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [507

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"PATHAN,"

Captain Day, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 1st March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898. [525

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

COPTIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, March 12, 1898, at Noon.
GAELIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	THURSDAY, March 31, 1898, at Noon.
DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, April 19, 1898, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "COPTIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 12th March 1898, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [4

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Extra Steamer

"CREFELD,"

will be despatched as above on or about 15th of March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [487

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [10

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

SACHSEN	Tuesday	1st March.
BAYERN	Wednesday	30th Mar.
PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday	27th April.
PREUSSEN	Wednesday	25th May.
SACHSEN	Wednesday	22nd June.
BAYERN	Wednesday	20th July.
PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday	17th Aug.
DARMSTADT	Wednesday	14th Sept.
PREUSSEN	Wednesday	12th Oct.
SACHSEN	Wednesday	9th Nov.
BAYERN	Wednesday	7th Dec.
PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday	4th Jan.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1898, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Supmer, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 26th February, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 28th February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 28th February. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1898. [7

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"

Captain R. Cass, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1898. [548

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"LYDERHORN"

Captain Hammernes, will be despatched as above on or about the 1st March.

To be followed by:—

S.S. "URD"
on or about the 15th April, 1898.
S.S. "QUEEN MARGARET"
on or about the 15th May, 1898.
S.S. "ST. NINIAN"
on or about the 10th June, 1898.
S.S. "CRAIGEARN"
on or about the 30th June, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [127

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL,"

Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 5th MARCH, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898. [1

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GHAZEE"

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 12th March.

To be followed by the

S.S. "LENNOX" sail about 12th April, 1898.
S.S. "PATHAN" do. 20th April, 1898.
S.S. "ENERGIA" do. 5th May, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [136-476-525

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY

AT

No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

CHADWICK KEW,
(LATE OF POATE & NOBLE).

Hongkong, 13th July, 1897. [2658

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BENGAL,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., ex s.s. *Victoria*.
From Zanzibar, ex s.s. *Canara*.
From Australia, ex s.s. *Rome*.
From Calcutta, ex s.s. *Palawan*.
From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. *Assyria* and *Khandalla*.
From Madras, ex s.s. *Loodiana*.

Goods not cleared by the 26th inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1898. [1

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LETIMBRO"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before NOON on the 27th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1898. [6

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 24th instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898. [526

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "LENNOX,"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1898. [476

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CERES,"

Captain Th. Foerck, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 24th inst., at NOON.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st prox. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st prox.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898. [539

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"SOCOTRA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, BOMBAY, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd March, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [1

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM MIDDLESBORO, LONDON, AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENSHIEL"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 P.M. TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd prox. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 10th prox., otherwise they will not be recognized.

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